HURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HURLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT HURLEY VILLAGE HALL, HURLEY, BERKSHIRE
AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2026
Draft for approval at the 16th April 2026 meeting.

PRESENT:
Councillors Mrs M Armson, T Gbaja-Biamila, G Meyrick, Mrs C Pitteway (Vice-Chairman), G Priest (Chairman) and J Slater.

Also Present:
Borough Cllr Mrs Hunt.
M Kiely (Clerk).

141/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Anwyl-Hughes, D Burfitt and N Scott.

Apologies were also received from Borough Councillor Blundell.

There were no declarations of interest.

142/25 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

143/25 PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED TO US BY R.B.W.M.

PLANNING

ADDRESS	APPLICATION & APPLICANT	PROPOSAL	PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS
Site of Former Bath Road Service Station, Bath Road, Littlewick Green	25/01135 Mr M Withers	Erection of 6no. dwellings, solar panels, 4no. garages, 6no. bin stores, 6no. air source heat pumps, hardstanding, landscaping and new boundary treatment.	In a motion proposed by Cllr Meyrick, and seconded by Cllr Mrs Armson, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to the proposals.

TREES

There were no tree applications this month.

<u>RBWM DECISIONS</u>

A number of recent RBWM decisions were noted.

144/25 MINUTES

Agreement of the minutes of the last meeting was proposed by Cllrs Mrs Pitteway and Gbaja-Biamila. The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2026 were agreed as a correct record. There was one abstention due to not being present at the meeting.

145/25 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

146/25 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT(S)

Brief discussion took place on the footpaths, steps and grass verges and footpaths that were in a poor condition. There was no update on the Temple Footbridge. Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that David Hunt Tools was about to be permanently closed. Councillors joined the Chairman in expressing sadness at the news, but wished David and Maureen well in their retirement.

147/25 FINANCE

To acknowledge receipt of the monthly bank reconciliation.

All present acknowledged receipt of the February bank reconciliation, circulated by email.

To authorise Payments as listed in the Financial Report and to make payments as required.

The payments list had previously been circulated by the Clerk. Cllr Slater proposed acceptance and payment of all accounts, seconded by Cllr Mrs Pitteway. The content was noted and approved, and authorisation was unanimously granted for the payments to be made.

148/25 PARISH PLAY AREAS

TO RECEIVE MONTHLY PLAYPARK INSPECTION REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Hurley Playpark

Cllr Slater had visited the site and circulated his report in advance of the meeting. Aside from a number of items previously reported, matters reported included the danger of the steps to the A4130, appearance of the zipwire towers, and the need for a little more raking during the active growing period. Positive comment was made on the overall appearance of the site and the attractive daffodils.

Knowl Hill Playpark

Cllr Scott had visited the site and circulated his report in advance of the meeting. Aside from a number of minor issues previously reported, current issues included green matter on the kickabout surfacing and the overflowing bin near the group swing (which he had reported to RBWM). Positive comment was made on the overall appearance of the site.

In relation to both playparks, Councillors expressed the need for more urgency in relation to the necessary repairs, new signage and other enhancements to the two playparks.

149/25 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE ASSET REGISTER.

The Clerk had conducted the annual review of the asset register, and circulated the document by email.

In a brief discussion the following comments were made:

- The formatting could be improved to "move" the obsolete assets to a different location, allowing a clearer view of existing assets.
- The old Hurley High Street bench should be declared obsolete, and the new one should be a new asset (£614).
- The bench located in Littlewick Green should be declared obsolete, as its location was no longer known and was likely to have been incorporated into the site of a local business.
- Salt bins had never been listed as assets. It was agreed that they should. Given prevailing prices it was agreed that it would be reasonable to list each of the ten salt bins with a value of £400 (total £4,000).
- Therefore, the total value of the asset register would be increased by £4,614.
- Clerk to make the necessary amendments and circulate to Councillors for approval.

Councillors thanked the Clerk for the document, and in a motion proposed by Cllr Gbaja-Biamila and seconded by Cllr Mrs Pitteway it was unanimously agreed the content of the asset register be amended as above, circulated for approval and then stored for audit and insurance purposes.

RESOLVED: That the asset register be amended and approved.

(*Clerk's notes. Further enhancements have been made since this discussion. Clerk to circulate, and bring to the next meeting for approval.*)

150/25 PROJECT UPDATES.

No significant updates were provided.

151/25 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS – REPORTS FROM PARISH REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- There were no items this month.

152/25 CORRESPONDENCE AND COUNCILLORS' FORUM

- In relation to the proposed cycling signage, the Clerk had circulated the pertinent details and the location (footpath to side of Olde Bell). After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council did not have the resources to install and enforce such signage, and there were concerns about damage as it had happened in nearby locations.
- The Chairman had received documentation from a speed indicator/trap company.
- RBWM had circulated their annual Milestones report for comment and suggestions in relation to the footpath network. The Clerk had commenced listing items for suggestion, and more were invited, in advance of the deadline on 13th April.
- The Clerk had noted that the two village operated defibrillators had yet to be updated on The Circuit by their respective volunteers. Cllr Meyrick assisted the Clerk with their details. Clerk to register the volunteers and provide guidance if possible.
- In relation to the upcoming meeting where the Horizon planning application at Honey Lane, Hurley would be discussed it was agreed that speaking space should be provided for villagers and for the applicants/agents. It should be at a regular monthly meeting, and every effort should be made to hold the meeting in Hurley village for the convenience of all parties.

153/25 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no additional item suggestions this month.

154/25 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Saturday 11th April – 9.30am planning applications site visits.
Thursday 16th April - 7.00pm Annual Parish Assembly – Littlewick Green.
Thursday 16th April - 7.30pm Council Meeting – Littlewick Green.

Chairman……..…..…….. Date…..……..